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## Church News

### JUNE COLLECTIONS.

The month of June is set apart by the General Assembly for Local Home Missions. Send remittances to the Synodical or Presbyterian treasurer.

### ALABAMA.

**Anniston:** The Press Dispatcher announced a few days ago that Rev. Dr. John M. Stagg, has been elected president of the Alabama Synodical College at Anniston, to succeed Rev. Dr. S. J. Foster, who recently resigned on account of poor health.

**Florence:** The First Church, Rev. E. D. McDougall, D. D., pastor, recently received thirty-one members, all but two on profession of their faith.

**Mobile:** The Government Street Church still claims the record for "Children's Day" offering. The amount of \$1,343.08 was given. This is an increase of three hundred dollars over that of last year.

**Troy:** This church has just enjoyed a very refreshing meeting conducted by Rev. H. M. Edmonds, of the First Church, Montgomery. A great interest has been aroused, two persons added to the church and plans laid to pay off the manse debt.

**Birmingham:** Changes many affecting seriously the ministerial force of our city, have been and are still occurring. First came the resignation on the part of our beloved Dr. Sterling F. Foster, of the pastorate of the South Highlands Church, in order to accept the Presidency of the Synodical Male College at Anniston. He had scarcely begun the work to which he had been called, when the announcement came that owing to impaired health, Dr. Foster was compelled to retire temporarily from all active duties and find recuperation in rest. He had resigned his Presidency of the college, and it was accepted by the board.

Meanwhile the board elected to the chair of Philosophy and Modern Languages, Rev. George Lang, pastor of the North Birmingham Church, and he has accepted.

He is a S. W. P. man, academic, and theological, having since his ordination as a minister, studied in Scotland, making philosophy his specialty. He is hence well equipped for service. He was the first and only pastor of the Church, which he is leaving, and which has prospered at his hands.

And now Rev. Dr. John W. Stagg, pastor of the First Church, has been called to the Presidency, from which Dr. Foster resigned, and will accept. He was largely instrumental in the inauguration of our Synodical college movement; has always been deeply interested in its progress; and feels it to be his duty to give himself to its development.

It will thus appear how intensely interested Presbyterians are becoming in the work of Christian Education in the bounds of the Synod of Alabama. The denominational college is fast becoming a necessity if the Church is to conserve through higher education the very fundamentals of "the faith once for all delivered to the saints."

And now, with the addition of Mr. Charles A. Lane, in the chair of Mathematics, vacated by Prof. Carmichael, who goes to an instructorship in Princeton University, "The Alabama Synodical College for Men," will have a faculty and a moral force, to say nothing of its splendid plant, which under the blessing of God, should insure its rapid development.

Thus three of our pulpits are left vacant; two of them the most influential in the city. Dr. Stagg's resignation has not as yet been acted on either by the Church or Presbytery; nor has Mr. Lang's by the Presbytery. But the South Highland's Church has already called unanimously, Dr. J. T. Plunket, of First Church, Augusta, Ga., and will use its best efforts to have him come. Let us hope that he may see his way clear to accept the urgent call of this great church.

### ARKANSAS.

**Camden:** The First Church received thirty-six additions during the year. All the causes were liberally contributed to, \$400 being given to Foreign Missions. One elder and two deacons have been recently ordained.

**Local Home Missions:** In Ouachita Presbytery an earnest appeal is made to every church in the bounds of Presbytery to make an offering to Local Home Missions during the month of June. The appropriations made for Home Missions at the last meeting of Presbytery amounts to about \$300 per month. If the work as planned is carried out, it will be necessary for every church to help. All offerings should be forwarded to the Treasurer of Presbyterian Home Missions, T. L. Green, P. O. Box 124, Camden, Ark.

**Hope:** This church has just had a very enjoyable visit from our secretary of Foreign Missions, Dr. J. O. Reavis. He came to stimulate us on the support of our Foreign Missionary, Rev. H. L. Ross in Mexico. After his talk Sabbath morning, in a very few minutes, pledges were given for his salary for another year. We paid his salary last year, and the Lord blessed our church more abundantly than He had ever done before in one year. Many more of our churches could easily pay the salary of a missionary, if each member would

sign a pledge card. Dr. Reavis gave us a very instructive sermon Sunday night.

**Earle:** Our meeting was almost prevented one Sabbath and a large part of one week, by constant and heavy rains; but notwithstanding, the Lord greatly blessed us. The church here was recently organized and had, when we began, but fifteen members. During the meeting a pastor was called for half of his time. Two most excellent lots were secured upon which to build a church, costing \$600, the full amount of which was secured in cash and pledges. Nine children were baptized. Ten adult members were received. Two deacons were elected, ordained and installed, Dr. J. H. Matthews and Mr. A. O. Anderson. The sum of fifty-six dollars and forty-three cents was given for Home Mission work. It is hoped that others may unite with us in the near future. The brethren are much encouraged. My next appointment will be at Augusta, Ark., to assist Rev. M. D. Williams.

Wm. H. Richardson.

### FLORIDA.

**Live Oak:** The pastoral relation between this church and Rev. J. F. Ford, has been dissolved. He has moved to East Alabama.

**Jacksonville:** The First Church unanimously decided last Sunday to extend a call to Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, now pastor of the Second Church, Norfolk, Va. The Brotherhood of this church has secured Rev. E. H. Norwood, a recent graduate of Columbia Seminary, to do home mission work.

### GEORGIA.

**Atlanta, Westminster Church:** Sunday, June 6, was Promotion Day in the Sunday school. There were 290 in attendance, and the exercises were of great interest, showing that the training of the past year had been thorough and effective. This school is graded in all its departments and the classes go on from teacher to teacher. At the eleven o'clock service the officers and teachers were installed by the pastor, who preached an appropriate sermon on, "The Church studying the Word of God." There was one addition on profession of faith.

**Savannah:** On the first Sunday of June, the Lord's Supper was observed in the Independent Church. There were fourteen additions, five by letter and two by baptism. Rev. J. Y. Fair, D. D., pastor.

**The Presbytery of Atlanta** met in called meeting in Atlanta, June 7, 1909, and accepted with grateful appreciation the generous offer of the stockholders of the Donald Fraser school property located at Decatur, Ga., to donate to the Presbytery all their holdings in the property on the two conditions, that the name "Donald Fraser" be retained in the new name to be selected, and that Presbytery conduct in or near the town of Decatur a Christian school of high grade for boys and young men. The following Trustees were elected: for one year, L. R. Walker, J. C. Herndon, R. O. Flynn, J. M. Brawner, G. B. Scott, Hoke Smith, H. F. Emery; for two years, A. A. Little, D. H. Ogden, J. B. Gordon, W. M. Everett, Frank Inman, J. L. Barge, W. J. Houston; for three years, J. C. Patton, W. L. Lingle, Jno. I. Armstrong, C. D.